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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIn the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

At page 9, line ³³~~29~~ to page 10, line ¹¹~~7~~, please replace the paragraph with the following.

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As an alternative to producing lithium manganese oxide nanoparticles by the thermal processing of manganese oxide particles, lithium manganese oxide particles having diameters substantially less than a micron have been produced directly by laser pyrolysis. For the direct production of lithium/manganese composite materials, laser pyrolysis preferably involves an aerosol based reactant delivery apparatus. Heat processing of the composite particles results in crystalline lithium manganese oxide particles with a spinel crystal structure. The formation of nanoscale, amorphous lithium manganese oxide directly by laser pyrolysis is described further in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/188,768 to Kumar et al., entitled "Composite Metal Oxide Particles," filed on November 9, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,607,706, incorporated herein by reference.